

Captain Wm. “Tim” Trainer

Executive Officer NAVAIR Depot North Island CA

Captain William “Tim” Trainer reported aboard as Naval Air Systems Command (NAVAIR) Depot North Island’s Executive Officer in April 2003. Born and raised in Durham, Connecticut, he attended Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on an NROTC scholarship and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1979. He was commissioned upon graduation, reported to the Naval Air Training Command in Pensacola for flight training and designated a Naval Aviator in October 1980.

After receiving his wings, Capt Trainer joined the Helicopter Combat Support community, reporting to HC-3, NAS North Island for Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) training in the H-46 Sea Knight. In June 1980 he reported to HC-11 where he completed two WESTPAC deployments in USS FLINT and USS WICHITA. In March of 1984 he returned to HC-3 as an FRS instructor and was subsequently selected to attend the United States Naval Test Pilot School (USNTPS).

Following jet transition training in Beeville, Texas, Capt Trainer reported to USNTPS at NAS Patuxent River and graduated with “Class 88” in December 1985. He was assigned to Rotary Wing Aircraft Test Directorate as an engineering test pilot and H-46 program coordinator where he participated in over 15 flight test projects involving H-46, H-53 and dynamic interface testing. Returning to USNTPS in 1986 he served as a Test Pilot Instructor and H-46 Staff Monitor. While at USNTPS he was selected for re-designation as an Aerospace Engineering Duty Officer.

Captain Trainer next reported to USS INCHON (LPH-12) as Safety Officer/Assistant Air Officer in 1989 and deployed to the Atlantic and Mediterranean. He was instrumental in integrating AV-8B and helicopter NVG flight deck operations and led the ship’s award winning electrical safety program. After leaving INCHON, he attended the Naval Postgraduate School where he was awarded a Master of Science “with distinction” in Aeronautical Engineering.

In 1992 Capt Trainer reported to the Naval Air Systems Command where he served as the CV-Helo Avionics System Program Officer (ASPO); responsible for all SH-60F and HH-60H avionics including the development and initial testing of the Airborne Low Frequency Sonar system. In October 1995 he transferred to Commander Naval Air Force US Pacific Fleet for duty as the Helicopter Class Desk Officer responsible for the technical, program and logistics requirements of all Navy and Marine Corps helicopters in PACFLT.

In 1998 Captain Trainer returned to Patuxent River as deputy program manager for MH-60S development and procurement, including the Combat Search and Rescue (CSAR) and Airborne Mine Countermeasures (AMCM) variants. In August 1999 he was promoted to Captain and reported as Director of NAVAIR’s Air Vehicle Engineering Department where he served until April 2001 when he was selected as Executive Assistant to Commander Naval Air Systems Command. He was subsequently selected for command of the Naval Air Depot North Island where he is currently serving as Executive Officer.

Captain Trainer has accumulated over 2700 flight hours in 46 different aircraft. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, three Meritorious Service Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal and various other awards.

